



**CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Meeting Held: January 14, 2014

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| Members Present: | Eric Lanciault, Sarah Fox, Andy Gregg, Doug Wilson, Steve Kaiser, Robert Hinds |
| Members Excused: | |
| Staff Present: | Jacqui Kamp, Clark County; Jan Bader and Jon Wagner, City of Vancouver |
| Volunteers: | |
| Guests: | Doug Walker (The Columbian Building), Grant Merrill (Dirty Hands Brewery), Stephen Cornick and Lethene Parks (Clark County Genealogical Society) |

- I. **Roll Call & Introductions** –All members present.
- II. **December 3, 2013 Minutes:** Doug made the motion to approve. Sarah seconded. All approved the motion.
- III. **City Liaison:** Nothing to report except for budget discussion.
- IV. **Old Business & Updates:** None
- V. **New Business & Announcements**
 - Columbian Building Sign Discussion (CCHR): Doug Walker, the owner of the building and his new tenant, Grant Merrill from Dirty Hands Brewery were present to provide the commission with some information about a proposed sign for the new business in the Clark County Heritage Register building. Doug provided some plans and old photographs of the original sign that used to protrude off the corner and above the roofline. The proposal will be for a smaller scale round sign that will protrude from the same corner, however below the roof line. There was discussion about the sign restrictions and that the original sign that is no longer there would not be allowed under today’s code. Although they are not proposing that kind of sign now, they would like to replicate that look in the future. The commission discussed how they would like to look into the sign code and how there might be some flexibility for historic buildings that used to have that type of sign.

The proposed sign will be double-sided aluminum with no raised elements. Steve commented that it was an appropriate sign size and style for the building. Sarah stated she thought it could go even bigger per the scale of the sign with the building. Mr. Merrill stated that this size is what they could afford at this time, but would like to go larger in the future. Andy shared with Mr. Walker that the font that was used on the original Columbian sign is the same as the font used on the Broadway sign and that there is a good photo available for the Broadway sign, if he was ever interested. The applicants will come back before the HPC for public hearing for a certificate of appropriateness at a later meeting.

- Clark County Genealogical Society: Lethene Parks and Stephen Cornick from the Clark County Genealogical Society provided a background of their programs and the library. They currently have 330 members and no paid staff with an 8,000-9,000 volume library. When the library is open they provide two library volunteers. It is open to the public free of charge. There is a \$30 a year membership fee which goes to operating costs for library and programs.

Mrs. Parks and Mr. Cornick gave the commission an update of the city cemetery project that they are involved in. They don't manage the cemetery or restore it but they do gather information about the people, such as vital statistics (birth, marriage and death) and the stories of people. The City Cemetery is significant as it is where many key pioneer families are buried. The society has received several county grants and other funding for the cemetery and feel that they are the ambassadors for the cemetery. There seems to always be vandal issues at the cemetery. With the funding that they have received they have restored/cleaned up 50 markers; cleaned up the grounds; and bought equipment. Their goal is to develop a biographical sketch for each person in the cemetery and post it on a website. There are around 230 graves.

Mrs. Parks passed around a brochure/map that they developed that they hope to continue to add to. They've worked with Dr. Fountain and his students from a WSU-V class and there is discussion on a possible mobile app for the cemetery. In the meantime, they are recruiting more students and others to join the research team to help digitize documents and photos. There is also a cemetery clean up with volunteers through the City of Vancouver's Volunteer program. They will keep the commission informed on how we can best support their efforts.

- 2014 Budget and Work Plan: The commission and staff reviewed the budget provided by Jan and discussed several outreach initiatives that could be part of what they decide to do this year including: sponsorships; events/education; signage; and physical improvements. Sarah suggested that the commission think about their budget in categories and try to come up with how much of the budget should go in each category. Jan and Jacqui promised to work on something for review for the February meeting.
- Clark County Courthouse National Register Nomination: The Historic Preservation Commission is required to review and make a recommendation to the state Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on any nomination to the National Register within Clark County. The commission has reviewed the Clark County Courthouse nomination. Eric made a motion to recommend that the courthouse be added to the National Register of Historic Places. Steve seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The proper paperwork will be sent up to the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

VI. Public Comment – None

VII. Adjournment